

To whom it may concern,

XM Satellite, has been the best improvement for the radio dial in the last 20 years. XM offers the greatest amount of Diversity and play formats that appeal to US "The Subscriber" rather than line the pocket books of the media giants that allow FM and AM to exist. I also, don't want to knock FM & AM altogether, because they have their place on the dial just like those of us who would rather not subscribe to cable tv. In the past I have had involvement with FM, back in 1996 I was able to purchase prime airspace on a 13 week trial basis to test a new kind of format; which seems to be really popular on XM now channels 80-82. In today's time, this idea fails and fails on the FM band primarily because the Advertisers make more money with traditional formats. It's also my belief that the fall of FM diversity occurred shortly after the government stepped in and deregulated radio. While this was good for the Large Business Models, it completely wiped out the Little Guys. With XM being a choice now, it seems as if the "Little Guys" are trying to fight back, and provide more than the years top 40 (That get played over and over and over and over). Since I installed XM in my car and home, I no longer feel as if I'm commercial surfing, now I'm song surfing! I also realized that with XM playing in my Auto 100% while I'm driving, I have "ZERO/0 ROAD RAGE" mainly due to the fact that previously when I turned on the radio to listen to music while I sat (not moving in traffic), I was stuck listening to Advert, after Advert about nothing that really interested me, so then I start to Advrt surf hoping that music that I like did exist on the Dial, but channel after channel of Adverts would get very annoying, and I would find myself along with my sitting neighbors, screaming at traffic because there wasn't any MUSIC to defuse the situation. XM has changed all that, with nearly 100 channels to listen to for a low subscription fee of about \$10 per month. In my opinion it's a whole lot cheaper than the alternative (Car accidents, Doctor Bills, and Psych visits due to road rage) Overall, one of my favorite things to do with XM is to listen on weekends to radio programs, like the Old Time Radio channel offers. I'm sure there are many other reasons that I enjoy XM, but I feel that what I described above can act as a brief summary for my reasons of enjoyment.